

CWS and DV Self-Assessment Survey

Self-Assessment Tool For Reviewing Status of Linkage
Between Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Services

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This tool is intended to be used as a self-assessment by County and State domestic violence (DV) service and child welfare service (CWS) agencies who are preparing to work with each other or who may be seeking to move to a new level of cooperation after some initial efforts. The questions have been designed to elicit discussion among and within both sets of agencies about their readiness for closer work with each other.

Please select the response category that most closely represents your extent of agreement with each of the following statements. Except where noted, response categories are:

"Agree" "Somewhat Agree" "Disagree" "Not Sure"

Underlying Values and Principles

1. Our DV and CWS agencies have begun discussions about their differences underlying values and principles.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our DV and CWS agencies have used a formal values assessment process to determine how much consensus or disagreement we have about issues related to DV and child safety and well-being.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our DV and CWS agencies have negotiated a shared principles or goal statement that reflects a consensus of the two agencies.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our area has prioritized parents in the CPS system for DV support services.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. Our area has developed strategies to recruit community participation in addressing the needs of DV-CWS-involved families.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. Our court system has realistic expectations for CWS parents with DV concerns.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

7. In our area, CWS staff and the courts view domestic violence as much as a major risk factor for child abuse and/or neglect as other factors (e.g. AOD).

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

8. Our area has discussed and developed responses to the conflicting needs associated with CWS and DV issues and child development.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Daily Practice-Client Intake, Screening, and Assessment

1. Our area has successfully out-stationed DV workers at CPS offices to help with screening and assessment of clients.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our area has multidisciplinary service teams that include both DV and CWS workers.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our area has developed coordinated DV service and CWS case plans.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our local CWS staff supplement child abuse/neglect risk assessment with an in-depth assessment of DV issues and the impact on the family.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. Our local CWS intake process is able to identify prior DV episodes based on previously negotiated information sharing protocols.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. Our local DV intake process identifies clients who are involved in the CWS system based on previously negotiated information sharing protocols.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

7. Our local CWS intake process consistently screens for DV factors in the family.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

8. When our DV providers assess clients, they routinely include questions about children in the family, their living arrangements, and CWS involvement.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Daily Practice-Client Engagement and Accessing Support Services

1. Our local CWS staff has the skills and knowledge to talk with their clients about their DV concerns.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our local DV staff has the skills and knowledge to talk with their clients about child safety and CWS involvement.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our local CWS staff provides outreach to clients who do not keep their initial DV appointments or drop out of services.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our local DV staff tracks the status of their clients in the CWS system.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. Our agency has developed and trained our staff in approaches to our clients that ensure that clients are more likely to stay in support services.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. Our CWS and DV agencies have agreed on the level of information about clients' progress in treatment which will be communicated from treatment agencies to CWS worker and the courts.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

7. In our area, the client's return to the abusive relationship typically leads to a collaborative intervention to re-engage the client in support services and to reassess child safety.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

8. On a scale of 1 – 5, rate your area's DV support services on the following areas:
(1 = poor 3 = fair 5 = excellent)

Gender specific	_____
Culturally relevant	_____
Geographically accessible	_____
Child-specific	_____
Professional Education	_____
Community Prevention	_____

9. Our local CWS and DV services provide support in obtaining and insuring compliance with No Contact Orders.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Information Sharing and Data Systems

1. We have identified the confidentiality provisions that affect CWS-DV connections and have devised means of sharing information while observing these regulations.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. We consistently use the CWS optional field on DV factors related to the case.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our DV services have supplemented the data systems to generate data on their clients' children and their CPS involvement.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our area has developed the capacity to automate data about the characteristics and services outcomes of the clients who are in both the CWS and DV caseloads.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. We have initiated efforts and/or has the capacity to track CWS/DV clients across information systems.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Shared Outcomes

1. Our DV agency has identified systems outcomes and has communicated them to the CWS.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our CWS agency has identified system outcomes and has communicated them to the DV agency.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our DV and CWS agencies and the courts have developed shared outcomes for CWS-DV involved families and have agreed to use this information to inform policy leaders.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. We have developed outcomes criteria in their contracts with community-base providers (who serve CWS-DV clients) to measure their effectiveness in achieving shared outcomes.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. We have shifted funding from providers who are less effective in serving clients in the both CWS-DV systems to those that are more effective.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. In our area, CWS-DV involved parents are referred to parenting programs that have demonstrated positive results with this population.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

7. Our CWS agency shares accountability with their DV counterpart for successful service outcomes for their mutual clients.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

8. Our DV agency shares accountability for positive child safety outcomes for clients who have enrolled in treatment programs.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Budgeting

1. Our CWS agency currently uses a portion of its funding for DV services.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our DV agencies currently use a portion of their funding for services to improve client's parent skills.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Our CWS and DV agencies have jointly sought funding for pilot projects to work more closely together.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our area has identified the full range of potential funding from all sources (e.g. Decat) that could support the changes needed to work more closely across CWS-DV agencies.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. We have emergency resources to meet basic needs that would be available for families in the CWS-DV systems.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. We have a multi-year budget plan to support integrated CWS-DV services.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Training and Staff Development

1. Our CWS ensures that all managers, supervisors and workers receive training on working with DV-affected families.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. Our DV agency ensures that their staff/providers receive training on working with families in the CWS system.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. We have developed joint training programs for DV-CWS staff and providers to learn effective methods of working together.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. We have a multi-year staff development plan that includes periodic updates to the training and orientation received by the staff of both CWS and DV agencies.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. We have training programs that include cultural issues to improve their cultural relevance and competency in working with diverse DV-CWS client groups.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

Working with Related Agencies

1. CWS staff know how to identify and link families with the other services that are frequently needed by CWS-DV involved clients (e.g. transportation, child care, AOD, shelter or housing, medical services, mental health services) and makes referrals to those agencies.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

2. DV staff/providers know how to identify and link CWS-involved families with the other services that are frequently needed services (e.g. transportation, child care, AOD, shelter or housing, medical services, mental health services) and make referrals to agencies.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

3. Parent education programs used by CWS clients include significant content on the impact of DV on family functioning and parenting.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

4. Our area has DV support/recovery groups that include a special focus on CWS and child safety issues.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

5. We have implemented DV prevention and early intervention services for children in the CWS system.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

6. Our transitional living program includes significant content on the impact of DV.

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure

7. We coordinate with law enforcement, DV and CWS to meet the needs of parents and their children affected by criminal justice system (e.g., visitation for children with incarcerated parents; accessing and enforcing No Contact Orders).

Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Not Sure